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## to the 1924 Price List

*Made up of a few additional offerings, a few new prices,  
and just some Iris talk*

### SMALLER ROOTS AT REMARKABLE PRICES

There is some demand for roots smaller than those I usually send out, of the more expensive varieties, provided, of course, that there is also a proportionate reduction in price; so to meet the demand, or these wishes, I am listing a few kinds of recent introduction at the special prices given below. You may not find the roots so small after all and you may be pleasantly surprised at the sizes at least of some of them; however, I can't promise that they will be as large as those that I have usually sent out in the past. Try two or three, or more, of them and see if they don't come up to expectations. Between you and me, I believe you will find them as satisfactory as those you have gotten from some other growers and at their regular prices:

Afterglow .....	\$1.00	L. A. Williamson ..	\$2.50
Ambassadeur .....	2.50	Lord of June .....	2.00
Baronet .....	1.50	Mandelay .....	1.00
Bashi Bazouk .....	1.50	Sherbert .....	1.00
Crusader .....	2.00	Sindjkha .....	1.75
La Niede .....	1.00		

The above are some of the more expensive kinds in commerce today; you will find some of the finest among them, and since they are not "starred" prices, your order can be for one dollar, two dollars, or more. There is only this restriction, that but one root of the same variety can be sold to a purchaser at these prices. Let us hope however, that your order will not stop with those above given, but that others on the big, general list will prove attractive to you.

I like to quote what others say rather than do so much of the talking myself; also, as you know, there is the probability that the grower may over-talk! One large grower has said of

**Ambassadeur**—that if it were necessary for him to name the best Iris in the world today, he would decide upon this variety; and I rather agree with him, for it is a very, very richly colored bloom.

Mr. Bliss, the famous English hybridizer, writes as follows of two American varieties:

**Sindjkha**—the large flowers of very fine form and exceptional substance appear to me to be akin to the type to which Dominion and L. A. Williamson belong, tho the coloring is not so strong and bright. It has also the same sturdy stems and vigorous growth as these, and is free-flowering.

**L. A. Williamson**—Apart from Shekinah, which is not comparable, this is the best Iris seedling that has yet been raised in America. The flowers are very large, of the finest form and of great substance. It is exceptionally free-flowering.

Another authority says further of Sindjkha that "an established clump of this variety is irresistible."

Mr. F. B. Mead, an American authority, says of

Baronet—It is one of the most effective garden Irises that I have ever seen. Close at hand it is not specially remarkable, but at a distance of thirty to fifty feet it is scarcely surpassed for garden effects. Its growth is strong and vigorous; the flower stands out finely and the blending and shading of color at the proper distance is as fine as any Iris.

Edouard Michel—One importer reports the true variety of this is so scarce that when in Europe (where it originated) he could get scarcely any roots at all of it. Another grower writes: "The wonderful wine-red E. Michel, of splendid form and size, at once attracts the attention of the garden visitor; it is an improvement over the old Caprice and its growth is strong."

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Then there are varieties, fine and beautiful, not as expensive as those above described, but which merit a place in any garden. Here are some running comments on a few of them by those who know Irises as they should be known:

Caterina—"As Mr. W. grows it, easily maintains a deserved position among the best dozen Irises I know of."—S. S. Berry.

Alcazar—"Was as magnificent or more magnificent than it has ever been and I wish that . . . might have been hereabouts to rejoice in it with me."—S. S. Berry.

Isoline—"It resembles nothing but itself. There mingle in its immense uprights and broad falls all pale shades of auburn, sepia and rose. I have haunted the magnificent thing for a week and yet know not how fittingly to describe its glory."—An English amateur's opinion, but it is only fair to say that it, and others, grow somewhat larger in England than here, but when well grown anywhere it is a beautiful piece of coloring.

"Lohengrin is close to being extra fine. Ma Mie is next best to Anna Farr in quality and is a sure bloomer. Isoline is among the finest pinkish Irises in existence."

Darius—"This old variety has not yet been equalled in its class by any of the newer introductions. . . . Its standards are a clear, beautiful yellow and the hazy lilac color of its falls seem to detach it from the earth and the rest of the plant, and give it that evanescent quality for which the Iris surpasses all other flowers."—F. B. Mead.

Arnols—"Is an old variety which was very splendid this season—finer far than many a heralded variety."—S. S. Berry.

Speaking of Darius and Arnols, there were some of the older varieties omitted from the Price List which I can still furnish, and which some may wish. These are

Darius, mentioned above; Idion, brown and gold; Celeste, pale sky-blue; Othello, rich blue and deep purple; Helge, early, lemon-yellow; Ruberissima, reddish-lilac; Mrs. Neubronner, small, but deep, rich yellow. These can be furnished at 20c each.

Should you care for a mixture of un-named varieties, I can furnish them at \$1.00 per dozen, postpaid; or, send \$1.50 and a dozen of big, large-sized ones will be mailed, on which very probably the postage alone will cost me twenty or twenty-five cents.

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#### WHAT IS THE BEST TIME FOR TRANSPLANTING?

The best authorities agree that this should, as a rule, be done after blooming and it is after that period that I strongly advise it be done. Blooming is over with me about June 10th, and orders will be filled in rotation beginning then. One is surer of getting stronger plants than if a grower lifted and sent them out in the spring. We can best tell of the size and strength of a root (or rhizome) by the top growth it has made, and if dug before this it is a gamble in many cases as to what size root he is getting out of the ground. I strive to send you only those roots that have made a good, strong top growth.

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Satisfaction is absolutely guaranteed to all reasonable purchasers. On receipt of an order, if unsatisfactory to you, return the roots promptly in good condition and the purchase price will be as promptly remitted. I am not in the Iris business simply to make money out of it, and any other policy than this would utterly fail to be satisfactory to me. Be reasonable, though, please, and if you have never bought Iris before, do not expect the earth for the priced asked. I do not send out "nubbins," as some growers do, but still keep in mind that some varieties naturally grow small rhizomes, while others grow large ones.